

Walter Andersen: Then out at Wrangell there about once a month a small boat would come out, a PC or patrol craft boat, would come out and bring the groceries to us. And they'd send out an LCI, that's a landing craft, infantry. But they'd have it loaded with drums of diesel because we ran a big diesel generator 24 hours a day for our lights and power.

Janis Kozlowski: That was at Wrangell?

Walter Andersen: Yes. And Wrangell's spelled with a W.

Janis Kozlowski: Right, I think I know which place you're talking about.

Walter Andersen: Ok. You know we were the most western military installation. I don't know if in all of the Pacific War. I know it was, in the Aleutians we were the most western.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh yeah, I bet.

Walter Andersen: Wrangell was on the western end of Attu.

Janis Kozlowski: So why did they have you over there rather than in the main area where everybody else was?

Walter Andersen: Well, there was a lot of fog and we could ... if it started getting fog at Wrangell it was going to get fog over at Attu pretty quick.

Janis Kozlowski: So that was kind of like an early warning?

Walter Andersen: Yes.

Janis Kozlowski: Ok. Did you see a lot of aircraft coming and going out of Attu?

Walter Andersen: No.

Janis Kozlowski: Never did, not from Wrangell certainly, right, because there was no airfield there?

Walter Andersen: No, we didn't see any ships or anything like that.

Janis Kozlowski: Well, how did you relay your weather reports over to the main base?

Walter Andersen: Well at Wrangell there we had a radio tech to keep all the radio equipment going and then we had two radio men. And we had a cook and a corpsman and me.

Janis Kozlowski: So there was maybe about 8 or 10 of you there?

Walter Andersen: No, it was just 6, I think it was.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, just 6.

Walter Andersen: Yes.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, ok. And then did you have to work a 24 hour shift there, because you were the only aerographer?

Walter Andersen: Yes, I'd have to get up every 6 hours and make a report.

Janis Kozlowski: Ok.

Walter Andersen: And then the radio men, they had to be at the radio all the time for the incoming messages.

Janis Kozlowski: So did you have more than one of those guys?

Walter Andersen: Yes, we had two of those.